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Jackson, Mississippi

The following profile contains information on demographics, political figures, programs, crime, drug use, drug trafficking, and enforcement statistics.

Demographics¹

- > Population (2000 Census): 184,256
- ➤ Race/Ethnicity (2000 Census): 27.5% white; 70.3% black/African American; 0.1% American Indian/Alaska Native; 0.6% Asian; 0.0% Native Hawaiian/other Pacific Islander; 0.1% other race; 0.6% two or more races; 0.8% Hispanic/Latino (of any race)
- ➤ The majority of the Jackson population reside in Hinds County (99.7%), while the remainder reside in Madison County (0.3%).

Politics

- ➤ Mayor: Harvey Johnson, Jr.²
- ➤ City Council (Wards 1-7, respectively): Ben Allen; Leslie McLemore; Kenneth Stokes; William Brown; Betty Dagner-Cook; Marshand Crisler (President); Margaret Barrett-Simon (Vice President)³
- ➤ Acting Chief of Police, Jackson Police Department: Jim French⁴
- ➤ Hinds County Sheriff: Malcolm E. McMillin⁵

Programs/Initiatives

➤ High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA)⁶
Designated in 1996, the Gulf Coast HIDTA is responsible for areas of Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi, including Hinds and Madison Counties.

Federal Funding

- ➤ Drug-Free Communities Support Program⁷
 Only one coalition in Jackson has ever received funding as part of the Drug-Free Communities Support Program. In FY 2001, \$100,000 was awarded to the West Jackson Community Development Corporation.
- Executive Office for Weed and Seed⁸
 There are no sites in Jackson that have been recognized as Weed and Seed sites.
- ➤ Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FY 2001 Discretionary Funds received in Jackson: 9
 - Center for Mental Health Services:
 - \$100,000 to the Mississippi Department of Mental Health. Project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
 - \$2,000,000 to the Mississippi Department of Mental Health. Project period: 9/30/99-8/31/04
 - \$70,000 to the Mississippi Families as Allies, Inc. Project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
 - Center for Substance Abuse Prevention:
 - \$3,019,928 to the Mississippi Department of Mental Health. Project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04

- \$250,000 to New Life Ministry. Project period: 9/30/01-9/29/04
- \$1,630,626 to Dream, Inc. Project period: 9/30/00-9/29/03
- \$91,259 to The Nominal Group, Inc. Project period: 9/30/01-9/30/02
- Center for Substance Abuse Treatment:
 - There were no Jackson grantees in this category
- ➤ Jackson did not receive any funding through the FY 2002 Office of Justice Programs Drug Court Grant Program. ¹⁰
- ➤ Jackson did not receive any funding from the 2002 Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services Methamphetamine Grant.¹¹
- > FY 2001 Housing and Urban Development Drug Elimination Grant amount received in Jackson: 12
 - \$145,000 to Westwick Apartments
- ➤ FY 2001 Office of Justice Programs and Community Oriented Policing Services grant amounts received by Jackson recipients: ¹³
 - \$21,322,600 in formula funds
 - \$7,206,722 in discretionary funds

Crime and Drug-Related Crime

From January 1 to November 10, 2002, there were 36 homicides known to Jackson police. From January to November 2001, there were 38 homicides known to police. 14

Number of Offenses Known to Police, Select Offenses, Jackson, Jan.-Nov. 2001-2002

Offense	JanNov. 2001	JanNov. 2002
Auto burglary	2,858	2,531
Auto theft	2,484	1,998
Business burglary	978	825
Grand larceny	1,279	1,119
House burglary	2,838	2,244
Aggravated assault	602	340
Armed robbery	740	573
Carjacking	141	120
Homicide	38	36
Rape	192	132

➤ During FY 2002, the Hinds County Street Sales Narcotics Enforcement Team initiated 400 cases resulting in the arrests of 175 offenders. ¹⁵

Enforcement

- ➤ Gulf Coast HIDTA Initiative found in Jackson¹⁶
 - Mississippi Operations Center: Officials in this task force target drug trafficking and money laundering organizations operating in the Jackson area.
- ➤ Hinds County Street Sales Narcotics Enforcement Team (NET)¹⁷
 The purpose of the Hinds County NET initiative is to reduce and ultimately eliminate illicit drug activities in targeted areas through community efforts, enforcement, arrest, prosecution, sentencing, and incarceration of drug violators.

➤ As of October 31, 2001, there were 647 full-time law enforcement employees working in Jackson (428 officers and 219 civilian personnel). 18

Trafficking and Seizures

➤ In FY 2002, efforts of the Hinds County NET initiative resulted in the seizure of \$31,552 in U.S. currency, 16 weapons, and 5 vehicles. ¹⁹

Courts

- ➤ Drug Courts²⁰
 - As of January 2003, there was one drug court in operation and one drug court being planned in Jackson.
- ➤ Since January 2000, the 7th Circuit District Drug Court of Hinds County has reported that 31 of 96 participants have graduated from the program.²¹
- During FY 2002, efforts of the Hinds County NET initiative resulted in 146 indictments.²²

Corrections

➤ As of June 30, 2002, approximately 6.46% of the inmates (1,427 inmates) within the Mississippi Department of Corrections were committed in Hinds County.²³

Treatment

➤ There are twelve alcohol/drug treatment facilities in Hinds County. Eleven of the facilities are in Jackson.²⁴

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